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NYC Lab Middle School for Collaborative Studies

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Dear Parents,

Recent studies show that middle schoolers who feel connected to their schools achieve more than those who do not.

Every aspect of LAB Middle School's culture - from its science labs to its flag football team - is designed to keep our kids thoroughly engaged. Yet this year, budget cuts of more than \$600,000 have forced LAB to eliminate all non-instructional programs to preserve its academic core. To fund our math team, our school newspaper, our drama club, our science club, bonding trips, literary programs and all sports and inclusion events, we depend on financial assistance from our own community.

The good news is that the 2009 Direct Appeal has raised \$40,000 to date. Additionally, corporate sponsor Y Water Inc. contributed \$11,000 to support Flag Football and the Science Olympiads. The total cost for all the extra-curricular enrichment, sports and after school activities that the Parent's Association supports this school year totals \$76,626. (See chart on back to find out exactly how the money is being spent.)

The bad news is that without your help to raise the remaining \$26,000, we won't be able to pay the bill in early January 2010, effectively ending these valuable programs.

We need you all to step up, pitch in, and give what you can to keep them going. Remember, no contribution is ever considered too small!

Giving now will ensure that your 6th, 7th or 8th grader will benefit from all these fantastic programs and more, this school year.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

(For tax purposes, consider making your gift before the end of the year.)

Thank you very much in advance.

Sincerely,
Jill Strickman-Ripps
President

Nanette S. Ross & Margaret Tanzosh
VP's For Fundraising
LAB Middle School PA Executive Board

We are asking every family to consider making a contribution of \$500 or more.

\$1000 ___ \$750 ___ \$500 ___ \$300 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ ___

___ Enclosed is my check for the full amount (NO CASH PLEASE)

Payable to: LAB Middle School PA

___ Enclosed is my first installment of \$ _____.

I will send further installment(s) by _____. (Kindly indicate dates and amounts.)



“help keep our kids engaged”

Or, here is my CREDIT CARD information.

Credit Card (MC, Visa, AMEX): _____

Exp date: _____

Name on Card: _____

I authorize you to process the above amount: _____ (Signature)

Child's name(s): _____ Homeroom/Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Mail your contribution PAYABLE TO: LAB Middle School PA (please include this form)

Address: LAB MIDDLE SCHOOL PA

Attn: Treasurer Sandy Wang, Room 114,

333 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011

MATCHING GIFTS: Please check to see if your workplace makes matching donations.

(Please attach any forms your company requires and we will promptly complete them).

Employer's name for matching gifts: _____

Support to the Lab Middle School PA is tax-deductible as allowable by law.

The LAB MS PA is an IRS-qualified, not-for-profit organization

Financial Commitment, NYC Lab Middle School Parent's Association

Lab Afterschool	Hours	Cost per hour	# of Children served	Cost
Math Team (x2)	60	\$55		\$6,600
Drama Club (x2)	50	\$55		\$5,500
Tech Club	50	\$55		\$2,750
Science Club	50	\$55		\$2,750
Newspaper	50	\$55		\$2,750
Lab Afterschool supplies/Transportation				\$2,500
Subtotal for afterschool:				\$22,850

Sports	Hours	Cost per hour	# of Children served	Cost
Flag Football (x2)	50	\$55		\$5,500
Flag Football Supplies/Equipment				\$700
Cross Country (x2)	65	\$55		\$7,150
Cross Country Uniforms				\$551
Soccer (x2)	50	\$55		\$5,500
Basketball (x2)	50	\$55		\$5,500
Basketball Uniforms				TBD
Track and Field (x3)	55	\$55		\$9,075
Track and Field Uniforms				TBD
Subtotal for sports:				\$33,425

Other	Amount	Cost per	# of Children served	Cost
Class bonding trips		\$4,000		\$12,000
Literary Programs for each grade (ie Diary 21)		\$2,000		\$6,000
Inclusion Events Breakfast/Lunches				\$1,800
Subtotal for other:				\$19,800

* These numbers do not include administrative expenses (insurance, accountant, photocopying, mailings, food, etc.)

Total: \$76,626